PREVENTION OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT

The Department of Army is committed to providing a work environment free of sexual harassment. Sexual harassment in the workplace can ruin careers, destroy a victim's health, lower productivity, and cost an organization millions in legal and settlement fees. I am totally committed to the Army's policy. Our soldier and civilian teammates must be treated with dignity and respect.

Sexual harassment is defined as unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature and is an exercise of power, domination, and control. Both men and women can be victims of sexual harassment by anyone in the workplace – supervisors, co-workers, employees, or non-employees. All soldiers and employees have a role to play in assuring a professional environment conducive to getting the job done. I charge each individual with the responsibility to maintain a professional attitude, treat others with dignity and respect, and monitor his/her own behavior.

It is imperative that installation leaders take positive action to ensure a work place free of sexual harassment. I hold leaders and management responsible for setting a good example; actively monitoring the work environment; publicizing and supporting the installation's prevention of sexual harassment policy; keeping subordinates informed on penalties for discrimination; providing sexual harassment training; conducting swift, fair inquiries into allegations; and taking appropriate disciplinary action.

Sexual harassment is an inappropriate behavior which, in working together, we can prevent from occurring at the work place. The education of all soldiers and employees and a strong commitment to prevent sexual harassment are essential.

There is zero tolerance for error with this policy.

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